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At long last, man's search for a family doctor is over

HEALTH CARE

Physician accepts patient who many others rejected



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Tony MacIntyre remembers the precise minute he got the call.

It was Tuesday at 11:24 a.m., and he was sitting in his Clayton Park apartment when staff from Halifax's Capital Health District gave him the news he had been awaiting for more than six months.

Dozens of other phone calls had come from doctors' offices before, all refusing to take him as a patient. But this time MacIntyre, who weighs close to 700 pounds and suffers from heart disease and type 2 diabetes among other health issues, was finally told he had a family doctor.

"I started crying. It was tears of joy," he said over the phone Wednesday, his voice choking up.

We can get things done now. I can get off the narcotics.

Tony MacIntyre



Tony MacIntyre at his Clayton Park apartment building earlier this month. Since last fall, MacIntyre's search for a family physician had proven unsuccessful. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"I was really happy."

MacIntyre's struggle to find a doctor began when staff at the Duffus Medical Centre told him he was no longer welcome,

following a verbal altercation between his son and another patient in a waiting room.

Since last fall, MacIntyre's search for a new doctor had proven unsuccessful. Numerous physicians refused him as a patient, given that he takes prescription medication for pain.

That was all the more reason, he says. His search was getting desperate, since his

daily dosages of Hydromorph and Hydromorph Cotin were running low.

He expected to run out in less than two months, a situation he feared would worsen his health troubles.

But now, MacIntyre has hope.

His first doctor's appointment is on May 1 and, he says, it's the first day in a long while he feels that he can finally

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The number of doctors, including one at a walk-in clinic, who opted not to take Tony MacIntyre on as a patient.

begin to get his life back on track.

"The way I look at it I realize, 'Wow, it's May 1, it's a fresh new month and it's a fresh new beginning,'" he said.

"I feel like I've been reborn almost. Kind of sounds silly, but it gives me a new outlook."

MacIntyre says when he initially contacted Capital Health's addictions services several weeks ago, staff said they could not accommodate him in their facility due to his weight.

But they eventually called back to conduct a second interview to assess his needs and help match him with a family physician.

As he understands it, MacIntyre says, his new doctor will work with staff at addictions services to determine the best course of treatment to wean him off his prescription drugs, which is something he's wanted all along.

It will also be the chance for him to begin a new diet plan.

"Now we can get things going in the right direction," he said.

IN BRIEF

Health-care system needs more capacity for primary care, doctors say

A spokesman with Doctors Nova Scotia acknowledges that finding a family doctor in the province isn't always easy, especially if you come with added medical concerns.

Kevin Chapman, director of health policy and promotion, believes more needs to be done, particularly with "increasing capacity" within our health-care system to provide better access to primary care and ensure each and every resident has a family doctor.

"We understand the system needs more family physicians, so we try to recruit them from away and we try to grow them from within," he said Wednesday.

He said new programs, such as a family doctor residency program in Yarmouth, are one solution to help with the shortage.

He says the organization's research shows that between four and five per cent of Nova Scotians who are actively seeking a family physician are unable to find one.

"If it's one per cent even that number's too high," Chapman said.

However, he says those statistics fluctuate, giving an example that if a long-time family practice closes, hundreds of patients would be displaced.

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A massive crowd supporting the Nova Scotia Film Industry fills Granville Street on Wednesday to protest cuts to the province's film tax credit. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Lights, camera, protest!

FILM INDUSTRY

Thousands rally against proposed cut to tax credit



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The sun shone down on a sea of people and flags Wednesday as thousands took to the streets surrounding Province House in protest of the film tax-credit cut.

Families, film industry workers, popular actors, musicians and members of the public walked and chanted along Hollis Street and up Granville Street behind the legislature, where a main stage had been set up for speeches and performances.

The rally began at noon, but hundreds had shown up to begin the protest by 11:30 a.m.

People carried signs and banners saying "Save NS Film," "We support #nsfilmjobs" and "Quiet please no Whalen on set."

Industry representatives have been calling for a reversal of

the Liberals' budget proposal tabled by Finance Minister Diana Whalen last week, which would change the tax credit to cover 25 per cent of a production instead of the former 50 to 65 per cent.

Actor Jonathan Torrens of Trailer Park Boys and Mr. D was MC for the afternoon. He said he still hopes to stay and work in the province he loves.

Torrens said the Liberal government has "spun a yarn" that they needed to make tough decisions in the 2015-16 budget such as choosing education and health care over the film business.

"We want to keep working in our industry so we can contribute to those vital services — that's why we're here," he said.

Torrens echoed the message from film-industry reps that a change in the tax credit renders it "useless," as Nova Scotia won't be able to compete with incentives offered elsewhere.

"Asking us to simply adapt ... is like asking a cadaver to adapt to its new life," Torrens said.

William Shatner even urged the Liberals, via Twitter, to change the tax cut back, and Torrens said Mike Smith of the

\$150 million

How much the film industry projects will be spent on Nova Scotia productions this year.

Trailer Park Boys got a call from federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay, lending his support to the industry.

Smith's Trailer Park Boys co-stars Pat Roach and Robb Wells also spoke, and Smith said he's still hopeful the government will listen to the outpouring of support from the public.

John Dunsworth, who plays Mr. Lahey on the show, spoke about how hundreds of millions have been generated by the film industry here, leading the crowd to shout "That's not too shabby" along with him.

Realtor Betsy Eldon said she came out to support her clients and friends, since the tax cut effectively kills Nova Scotia's "best ambassador to the global stage."

"It's so short-sighted," Eldon said.

Two members of the Ivany

commission, Mark Austin and Susanna Fuller, spoke about how the tax cut flies in the face of the entire report.

Austin said Premier Stephen McNeil is correct in saying the credit still exists, but it's only still there in the way a balloon is there "after it's been popped."

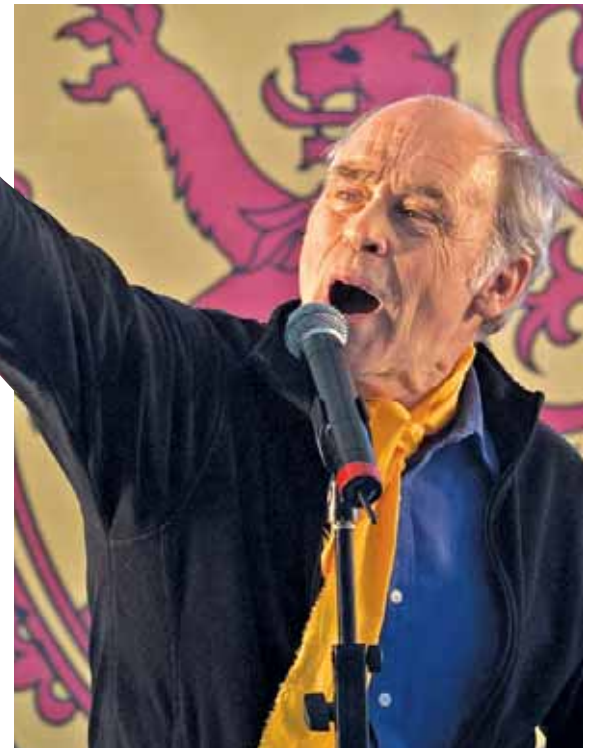
"It's lifeless and empty because of one prick," Austin said.

The rally grew to about 5,000 people as more and more supporters came downtown throughout the afternoon and into the evening.

Screen Nova Scotia chairman Marc Almon told reporters at the rally he is hopeful the huge turnout will have an impact on Minister Whalen.

Both parties are meeting Friday, and Almon said they are hopeful the Liberals will pause the tax credit cut and work towards a "viable" option.

"It's vital and I think they are getting the message," Almon said.



John Dunsworth rallies support from the crowd during a protest at Province House on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

IN THEIR WORDS

Heard at the rally



“Just you and me, Diana ... you bring your abacus and I’ll bring a bottle of cooking sherry.”
Bette MacDonald



“We’re not going to give up.”
Cathy Jones



“The Nova Scotia tax credit is not a drain on the public purse.”
Ferne Downey, ACTRA



“We are going to fight.”
John Dunsworth



“McNeil, it needs to be now or it really is never. This is your call to action.”
Mark Austin



“I feel like crying but I also want to hug every single one of you guys.”
Pat Roach

TAX CUT

Liberals made right move: Market group

The Liberal government made the right decision in changing the film tax credit, according to the Atlantic Institute for Market Studies (AIMS).

On Wednesday, AIMS released a statement that says subsidies are not good “enablers” of thriving economies and are often exploited by companies that work out of the province.

“Governments shouldn’t be in the business of paying off

industries in the form of subsidies. It only prolongs economic decay and inevitably undermines healthy, competitive companies,” AIMS president Marco Navarro-Genie said in the release.

“Subsidies often create a ‘come-by-chance’ economy where companies in unstable industries utilize the handout.”

AIMS says it’s important to look at subsidies used in other sectors, and while consulta-

tion is important, the cries to reverse the film tax cut on the basis there was no industry consultation are “concerning.”

Navarro-Genie said governments are elected to make tough decisions, some of which are unpopular.

AIMS is calling for a “market-based solution” to changing the film tax credit. The release said they are hopeful both industry and government will make a commitment to understanding

the evidence, and “allow market forces to shape economic choices.”

“We need cooler heads to prevail instead of knee-jerk reactions that instantly criticize government for doing or not doing enough to make a decision,” said Navarro-Genie in the release.

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INVESTIGATION

Break-in report unfounded: Police

Halifax police say the investigation into a seemingly disturbing break-in at a South Street rooming house has found there was in fact no break and enter, and no indecent act committed.

A man and woman contacted police April 10 to report they awoke around 5 a.m. to

find a man standing in their bedroom wearing only boxer shorts.

He left when they asked him to, but stayed in the common room for more than an hour, periodically trying the locked bedroom door.

Police said at the time it was believed the man got into the rooming house through an unlocked door.

According to a release issued Wednesday, investigators have determined that another tenant of the rooming house was the person responsible for the incident.

The release adds that "alcohol played a factor" in the man's actions.

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A police release states that investigators interviewed several individuals who are "associated" with the residence in question before determining what happened.

LICENSING

Tweaks for dentists after Dal scandal

The Facebook scandal at Dalhousie University has prompted legislation that would allow Nova Scotia's regulatory body for dentists to set restrictions and conditions before granting licences.

The changes are at the request of the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia following the controversy involving Dalhousie University's dentistry school, Health Minister Leo Glavine said.

Glavine said current legislation only allows the board to grant or deny a full licence.

"They wanted to have the ability as it is in other juris-

dictions to be able to place restrictions on new entrants to the profession," Glavine said.

The conditions could range from practising under supervision for a period of time to taking additional ethics courses.

Dalhousie University suspended 13 fourth-year male dentistry students earlier this year for being members of a Facebook page that contained sexually violent content about their female classmates. The suspensions were lifted last month.

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Justin Trudeau, left, and Halifax-riding Liberal MP Andy Fillmore discuss the controversial Nova Scotia film tax credit atop Halifax Central Library, Wednesday afternoon. Trudeau would say only that he supports the film industry. JULIA MANOUKIAN/FOR METRO

Trudeau backs arts

POLITICS

Federal Liberal leader measures words on cut to film tax credit

Julia Manoukian
For Metro | Halifax

Liberal party leader Justin Trudeau wouldn't go so far as to criticize the provincial Grits for changes to the film tax credit, but he emphasized the importance of arts and culture as an industry.

"Arts and culture is extremely important to me, as a Canadian, as a Quebecer, as a leader," he said. "We need to make sure we're doing everything we can to support our culture."

Standing with Halifax-riding Liberal candidate Andy Fillmore on the roof of the Central Public Library Wednesday, Trudeau said he respected provincial jurisdiction and their ability to make "tough choices" when it comes to budgeting.

But he said he was committed to passing along film industry members' concerns when he met with Premier Stephen McNeil later in the day.

“There's a tremendous amount of pride and tremendous amount of jobs out here in the cultural industry.”

Justin Trudeau

"I understand this is an issue that is touching a lot of people on a very personal level," he said.

He criticized the weak part-

nership between federal and provincial governments, pointing out that the federal government hasn't "sat down to talk with the premiers, certainly not about arts and culture."

Fillmore admitted even with a large circle of friends in the industry, it took him a week to understand all the proposed changes to the tax credit.

"The changes need to be done in collaboration with industry," he said outside the library. "They need to be done in a way that respects the financial reality that the province is facing, but yet still allows the film industry to be vibrant and grow in Nova Scotia."

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Snow-clearing review ordered

CITY HALL

Report to come early after 'extraordinary' winter



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

The city is seeking an external consultant to review Halifax's winter operations, after what most residents can agree was a brutal season.

A tender was issued Wednesday to hire an outside firm to assist in "a comprehensive evaluation of operating practices ... to ensure the municipality remains relevant in times of changing social, political and economic pressures, possible changing weather patterns and the growing demands of multi-modal transportation."

Spokeswoman Jennifer Stairs

said staff review winter operations annually, but this is the third time in recent years the city has sought an external review.

An outside evaluation is typically done every 10 years, as the previous reviews were conducted in 1998, then 2008. But due to this season's "extraordinary" winter, the city decided to seek one sooner.

"We've been hearing from people that they want to have a review, so we thought it would be a good opportunity," Stairs said Wednesday.

She explained the external review will help "evolve the program," and evaluate how the service — from protocols to the type of equipment used — can be improved and adapted.

"We want to make sure that the program that we have is operating at its best ability," she said.

Stairs said staff will incorporate the outside assessment in their own end-of-season review, which will be completed

3,766

Halifax's winter works department clears 3,766 kilometres of road.

by summer.

The city's auditor general, Larry Munroe, said on Wednesday that as always, he's leaving room in his annual work plan to address reactions to the upcoming review.

When it comes to planning for snow removal, Munroe believes there is always risk in the gap between predictions of what might happen and what does happen.

The question for council, he said, is how to find a balance.

"There are risks that if you set a budget based upon a certain amount of snow fall that you're going to get far in excess of that," he said.



A sidewalk plow on Russell Street in March. The city said the review will help "evolve the program." JEFF HARPER/METRO

IN BRIEF

Man charged after baseball bat attack on car

A Halifax man is facing several charges related to what police are calling a case of road rage.

According to a news release, Halifax Regional Police responded to a call at Chebucto Road and Connaught Avenue at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. A man who had been involved in a collision at the intersection threatened the other driver, then bashed the other driver's vehicle with a baseball bat.

The release states the suspect then got into his vehicle and sped away.

Officers located the vehicle on St. Margaret's Bay Road by Highway 103, and arrested the suspect.

During his arrest, it's alleged the man threatened to kill the arresting officer. Taylor Christopher Jones, 21, of Halifax has been charged with assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, causing a disturbance, breach of a court order and two counts of uttering threats. METRO

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Stroll the Downtown Artwalk

BACKSTAGE PASS

Halifax-area galleries to feature local artists

Aly Thomson
Metro | Halifax

Local galleries want you to paint the town red Thursday evening by strolling through the region's studios to get acquainted with local art and the artists behind them.

The self-guided Downtown Artwalk runs from 6 to 8 p.m. at an array of studios, including Studio 21 Fine Art, The Smallest Halifax Art Gallery and Zwickers Gallery in downtown Halifax.

The Craig Gallery and The Dart Gallery in Dartmouth also will be participating.

Adriana Afford, owner of Argyle Fine Art, said the event is about getting people into galleries and taking away the "fear factor."

"The idea is to get people to come out and explore different galleries and different shops that support local artists and craftspeople," said Afford behind the desk of her gallery.

"But it's also to take away a little bit of the scariness that might be felt by people going to a gallery on their own for the first time. It's

nice to have a group around you."

Mouth-blown hanging glass vases twinkle in the natural light of the Argyle Fine Art's front window as dozens of pedestrians dash down Barrington Street on their lunch breaks.

Dozens of colourful paintings line the walls of the bright and airy space. The art sings of Nova Scotia culture.

Leaning against the wall to the left of the front desk is a piece by emerging artist Andy MacDonald.

It's a painting of one of the many company houses that once dotted Cape Breton Island.

These houses were occupied by coal and steel workers during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

"This particular one is painted on a repurposed door. He will often do that,"

Afford said of the piece, which features a half-brick, half-black house with orange dots in the sky.

MacDonald will be at Argyle Fine Art as part of the fourth Downtown Artwalk for the opening of his show "Home."

Natasha Krzyzewski will also be opening her exhibition Unsettled at the gallery on Thursday.

About a block away, Art Zone Gallery will showcase emerging local artists, some of whom will be on hand to discuss the creative process behind their art.

The #wetooksomepics exhibition features photog-



Adriana Afford straightens some new work by Andy MacDonald, which will be on display at Argyle Fine Art for Thursday's Downtown Artwalk. JEFF HARPER/METRO

raphy by Leena Alawaid, Jane Arnett and Allie Beckwith.

For those more interested in historical works, Zwicker's Gallery will be showcasing an exhibition called The Great Age of Canadian Etching, which will show-

case works from the late 1800s to the mid-1900s by Caroline Armington, Edith Smith and Lewis Smith.

Meanwhile down on Hollis Street at Smallest Halifax Art Gallery, Kris Webster will be demonstrating how she creates carved

paintings using reclaimed wood.

Afford said the hope is to

have four Downtown Artwalks a year, with the next scheduled for Aug. 20.

“In each gallery, people are going to have very different experiences.”

Adriana Afford, owner of Argyle Fine Art

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Dalhousie nursing students work on a training dummy. The province increased the number of seats in nursing schools to 401 from 330 in 2008, but is still facing a shortage of long-term and acute care nurses. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Alarm over N.S. nursing shortage

HEALTH CARE

Union head says rest of the country should take heed

Twelve years ago, the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions warned that retirements would begin to affect the health-care system over a 15-year period — and now the organization's president says the impact of an aging workforce is starting to pinch.

Linda Silas says some governments haven't adequately replaced retiring nurses because of budget cuts and too often use overtime as a crutch to fill staffing gaps.

"We are not learning and we are having a system that's living on overtime," Silas said in an interview.

Nova Scotia is among those provinces facing a shortfall with about 185 acute and long-term care nursing positions vacant.

The province's Liberal government was told when it came into power about 18 months ago that Nova Scotia could face a shortage of 800 nurses within five years if there was no change in a number of factors, such as the

number of seats made available in nursing schools.

Silas said Nova Scotia is one of the first provinces to face a shortage of nurses.

"What's happening in Nova Scotia is just an early symptom of what's going to happen across the country," she said.

Nurses worked more than 21 million hours of overtime in 2012 at a cost of more than \$952 million to the health-care system, Silas said, adding it's no coincidence nurses' sick time also increased.

Janet Hazelton, president of the Nova Scotia Nurses Union, said the shortage will continue in her province unless more

is done to address overtime and high injury rates. Right now, she said there's little incentive for older nurses to stay in the system once they reach pensionable age because of the increased demands of the job.

"There are not many who are going to work between 56 and 60 (years of age) unless we can

figure out a way to make them stay," said Hazelton.

A good start would be to hire above required needs to ensure staffing levels remain constant when nurses are off sick or book vacation time, she said.

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IN BRIEF

Woman hit in the head, robbed by two men: Police
Halifax police are looking for two men after they say a woman was hit in the head and robbed Tuesday night.

Around 8:30 p.m., a Halifax Regional Police release said, the woman was walking on Moran Street toward Cunard Street. Two men walked towards her, and one knocked her cellphone out of her hands. One of the men pushed her head against a

wall, causing a large bump. One took her beige army-style bag with Air Force patches stitched on it and ran toward Sarah Street.

The suspects are described as white in their mid- to late-30s. The first was six-foot-one with a sunken face, wearing a reddish-orange hoodie, dark pants and boots. The second suspect was five-foot-five, wearing a dark baseball hat, with dark hair and short facial hair. He also had large rings

on his fingers. METRO

Senior dies in crash on Herring Cove Road

A senior has died after a single-car collision on Herring Cove Road.

Halifax Regional Police say they arrived at the scene of an accident around 11 a.m. Wednesday, after a car driving inbound on Herring Cove Road left the road and smashed into a concrete wall before the intersection at

Sussex Street.

A 77-year-old male driver was transported to hospital by paramedics, where he was pronounced dead.

A 76-year-old female passenger and a 34-year-old male pedestrian hit by the car as it left the road were both hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries.

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+ SUPPORT CRUCIAL**Statistics murky**

There are no solid statistics on how many children and adults feel their gender is at odds with their physical sex, but worldwide estimates range from one in 200 to one in 500.

The figures don't surprise Dr. Stephen Feder, head of CHEO's Gender Diversity Clinic, which last year saw 40 to 50 gender-nonconforming children and teens with their

families. Doctors spend time getting to know the child or youth, as well as obtaining corroborating information from parents. They also look for mental health issues, which might affect how a young person presents their gender, and try to determine the child's ability to make a sound decision.

One study suggests that three-quarters of children who present as the opposite

gender revert back, though it's a figure he tends to take "with a grain of salt" because the reasons can be varied.

"But that said, we're talking about the kid in the moment, not the kid four years from now. So the issue is how do you support that child where they are now. And you do that as you would for any child, by trying to support them 100 per cent."

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Charlie, age 9, who was born male but identifies as female, plays video games at her home in Ottawa on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Transgender kids finding acceptance

EQUALITY

More parents choosing to support, not condemn

Charlie was just three years old, sitting in the tub at bath time, when she looked up at her mom and asked: "Will my penis ever disappear? When will it shrink?"

It was a pivotal moment for the family, and the beginning of a journey that would see Charlie the boy transition into Charlie the girl.

"It was one of those deer-in-the-headlights moments for parents because you go, 'How do I answer that?'" recalls Charlie's mother, Anne Lowthian.

"So I looked at Charlie and said, 'Is that what you want?' And she said, 'Yes, because I'm a girl.'"

Lowthian says she and her husband, Chris Rickert, talked about it.

"We were concerned, because we thought what's this going to

mean for her if she truly identifies as a girl? We had no experience with transgender, we had no idea what it was."

Believing it was important for their child to freely express herself, they didn't blink when Charlie, then 4, went to preschool in their rural eastern Ontario community dressed as a boy, but wearing nail polish and pink and purple clothes. She told teachers she was really a girl.

"They ostracized her," Lowthian says of school administrators.

And then there was the bullying by other kids.

"They hurt me physically and verbally," says Charlie, now 9. "They'd give me noogies, they'd punch me, they'd bite me. They called me names. They started calling me 'girlish boy.'"

The family, who lost longtime friends over their decision not to make their child "conform," moved to Ottawa and found a supportive school for Charlie, who entered Grade 1 living full-time as a girl.

"It was wonderful to watch," says Lowthian. "You've never

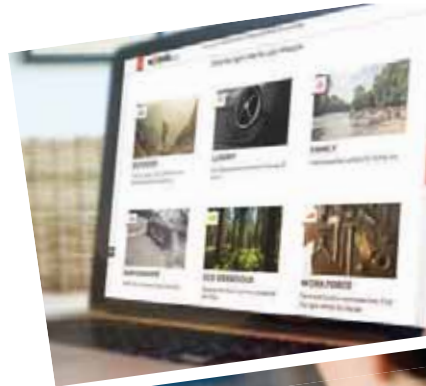
heard a girl squeal with delight like Charlie did when she got her first princess dress, and then all the dresses after that. And how much fun is it to go shopping with a child who is so thrilled to be looking in the mirror at a person they actually like ... To see her get up and go to school every day confident in who she was and happy to be who she was, it was just thrilling."

Until recently, a mismatch between biological sex and gender identity had been deemed a mental disorder in the psychiatric bible known as the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. But the latest version, the DSM-5, renamed the phenomenon gender dysphoria, defined as a persistent conflict and discomfort with one's biological sex.

Meanwhile, Ontario NDP MPP Cheri Dinovo tabled a bill that would ban reparative therapy for sexual orientation or gender identity in those 18 and under and delist it as an insured service. Bill 77 passed second reading April 2 and was sent to committee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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QUEBEC

No prayers at council meetings: Top court

In a decision that had an immediate impact in several cities and towns across the country, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Wednesday that prayers cannot be recited before municipal council meetings in Saguenay, Que.

The reading of a Catholic prayer at council meetings infringes on freedom of conscience and religion, the court said in a unanimous ruling.

Society has evolved and given rise to a "concept of neutrality according to which the state must not interfere in religion and beliefs," the judgment said. The ruling ended an eight-year legal battle that pitted atheist Alain Simoneau and a secular-rights organization against Saguenay Mayor Jean Tremblay.

While Tremblay will address reporters on Thursday, the effect of the high court's decision was felt immediately as other Can-

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Although the Supreme Court ruling is based on the Quebec Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the province's legislation parallels the federal Charter of Rights and Freedoms on these tenets, says law professor Errol Mendes.

adian cities began to act.

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson suspended prayers at a city council meeting Wednesday pending a review of the decision, while the mayor of Levis, Que., said he'll do the same. Several other Ontario cities say they'll do away with the Lord's Prayer, but the mayors of Winnipeg and Oshawa, Ont., told reporters they would not immediately put an end to the practice. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MIAMI, FLA.

Diplomat's teen son to be tried as adult

A Canadian diplomat's teenage son accused of involvement in a drug-related shootout that killed his older brother in Florida has been charged with murder and will be tried as an adult.

A Miami-Dade County grand jury indicted 15-year-old Marc Wabafiyebazu on first-degree felony murder charges Wednesday.

Wabafiyebazu's defence lawyer, Curt Obront, said his client will plead not guilty.

"We have confidence in the criminal justice system," Obront said.

Wabafiyebazu was arrested on March 30 after the shooting deaths of his 17-year-old brother, Jean, and 17-year-old Joshua Wright. The indictment returned Wednesday charges that Wright

and Jean Wabafiyebazu shot each other.

The grand jury also indicted two other young men involved in the alleged drug deal on felony murder charges.

Media reports say Wabafiyebazu, who is being held in juvenile detention, will now be moved to an adult jail to await trial.

Wabafiyebazu's lawyer has said his client — whose mother is Roxanne Dubé, a longtime Canadian diplomat who recently became general consul in Miami — plans to plead not guilty to any charges in the case.

Under Florida law, all suspects involved in committing a crime can be charged with murder if it leads to a killing.

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IN BRIEF

Report on CBC's handling of Jian Ghomeshi scandal to be released

The findings of an investigation into how the CBC handled the Jian Ghomeshi scandal are set to be released Thursday.

The CBC commissioned labour lawyer Janice Rubin to conduct the independent inquiry.

She encouraged current and former CBC employees who worked with Ghomeshi to contact her with complaints or experiences regarding inappropriate conduct.

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Russia slams Canada's decision to send troops to Ukraine

The Harper government's decision to join a U.S.-led military training mission Ukraine has drawn a sharp rebuke from Russia. Canada is sending at least 200 members of the Canadian Forces to take part in a two-year deployment to improve the combat skills of troops in the country. In a statement, the Russian Embassy in Ottawa calls that "counterproductive and deplorable." It says the move does nothing to resolve the fracturing of Ukraine.

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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, left, and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper walk in the Hall of Honour on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. It is the first bilateral visit to Canada by an Indian PM since 1973. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada-India ties now stronger: Modi

POLITICS

Countries signed series of bilateral agreements

The relationship between India and Canada is now back on track, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Wednesday after signing a number of bilateral agreements, including a deal to buy Canadian uranium to fuel his country's power reactors.

Modi and Prime Minister Stephen Harper agreed Wednesday the deal is just a first step towards

deepening economic ties, and that the relationship between the two countries hasn't yet lived up to its potential.

"Canada is a major Asia-Pacific power and should play a more active role, including in regional institutions," Modi said, standing next to Harper.

Harper said he agreed: "It's not where we want it to be, but it is growing."

Under the nuclear deal, India will buy more than 3,000 tonnes of Saskatchewan uranium.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, who was on hand for the announcement, said the deal, estimated to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars, would be

“Canada is ready to deepen co-operation with India in science, education, defence and space technology.”

PM Stephen Harper

a boon for his province.

"For an employer of 4,000 people in the province — 45 per cent of them First Nations and Métis — it's a great day for Saskatchewan."

The contract with Cameco Corp. is one of a number of agreements that were announced Wednesday, after Harper welcomed Modi to Parliament Hill amid full military honours, including a 19-gun salute.

The deals include pledges to co-operate in the areas of civil aviation, railway transportation and education and skills development, as well as space, social security and maternal, newborn and child health.

It is the first bilateral visit to Canada by an Indian prime minister since Indira Gandhi was hosted in 1973 by then-prime minister Pierre Trudeau.

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CULTURE

'Parrot Lady' statue finally going home

An ancient Indian statue that turned up in Canada four years ago after it mysteriously vanished is being returned to the country of its origin.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper presented his Indian counterpart, Narendra Modi, with the so-called "Parrot Lady" sculpture during an event Wednesday on Parliament Hill.

The life-sized, red sandstone statue, believed to be some 900 years old, depicts a dancing woman with a parrot resting on her head. The woman is meant to be seen as a "naayika" — Hindi

for heroine — while the bird is her friend or confidante.

The prime ministers shook hands as Harper declared his delight at being able to return the statue to its "rightful owner."

Harper also presented Modi with a plaque to commemorate its return.

Modi expressed his gratitude, noting through an interpreter that the statue was being returned "with respect and love."

It's not clear precisely when it went missing from one of the several Khajuraho temples, a UNESCO World Heritage site, lo-

cated near the town of Khajuraho in central India.

Images of naayikas are commonly seen in Hindu, Buddhist and Jain temples.

So common are such depictions in the Khajuraho temples, India did not even realize the statue had gone missing at all until they were notified in 2011 that it had turned up on Canadian soil.

Even then, it wasn't until experts from the Archaeological Survey of India got involved that the statue's origins could be confirmed. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A sculpture of "Parrot Lady" is returned to Indian PM Narendra Modi in Ottawa on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Feared drowning of 400 migrants raises alarms

SHIPWRECK

Mediterranean most deadly sea route used by refugees

The feared drowning of 400 migrants in a shipwreck this week in the Mediterranean Sea — one of the deadliest such tragedies in the last decade — raised alarms Wednesday amid an unprecedented wave of migration toward Europe from Africa and the Middle East.

The UN refugee agency expressed shock at the scale of the deaths in Monday's capsizing and renewed calls on European governments to redouble search and rescue efforts, while the International Organization for Migration maintained that the situation had reached "crisis proportions."

The Mediterranean "has emerged as the most dangerous" of four major sea routes used by the world's refugees and migrants, taken by 219,000 people last year, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said.

The Italian Coast Guard rescued some 140 people off the coast of Libya on Monday and recovered nine bodies, but could see immediately from the size of the capsized smuggler's boat that there had likely been hundreds more on board.

The rescue was made during



Migrants arrive at Palermo's harbour, in Italy, after being rescued at sea, Wednesday. The UN refugee agency says the shipwreck in the Mediterranean this week, in which 400 migrants are presumed to have died, is among the deadliest incidents of the last decade.

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a five-day surge that saw Italian ships save nearly 10,000 people at sea since Friday — an unprecedented rate in such a short period, according to Cmdr. Filippo Marini, a Coast Guard spokesman. The num-

ber is only likely to grow, with summer weather encouraging even more people fleeing poverty and conflict to make the perilous crossing.

Survivors of Monday's shipwreck reported that as many

as 550 people were on board, according to aid workers.

"Of course this is an estimate. No one who travels knows exactly the number. They don't get a ticket that says: No. 550," said Barbara

3,500

The UN Refugee Agency estimates 3,500 migrants died in the Mediterranean last year, up from 600 in 2013. With few bodies recovered, many deaths are never officially confirmed. Instead, their fates are recounted by survivors and, in cases when boats are lost at sea without any rescue attempt, by relatives who report their failure to arrive in Europe.

Molinario, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees spokeswoman in Italy.

Accounts by survivors, mostly sub-Saharan Africans, indicate the ship capsized when men on the upper deck rushed to wave down a ship they believed to be a rescue vessel, said IOM spokesman Joel Millman in Geneva.

"Many were waving and gestulating to get attention and that caused the vessel to capsize, with the speculation that women and children who were below deck were drowned instantly," Millman said.

The rescued migrants arrived Wednesday at the southern Italian port of Corigliano, where aid workers dressed in white protective jumpsuits, gloves and masks worked to process them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRAQ

ISIL fighters seize villages

ISIL extremists launched an offensive Wednesday in Iraq's western Anbar province, capturing three villages near the provincial capital of Ramadi in what was the most significant threat to the city by the Sunni militants to date.

The militants' push comes after ISIL was dealt a major blow earlier this month, when Iraqi troops routed the group from Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown.

Wednesday's fighting could also further threaten Ramadi, 115 kilometres west of Baghdad. Nearly a decade ago, Ramadi was one of the strongholds of the insurgency in the U.S.-led war in Iraq. It now is mostly held by Iraqi government forces, although militants control some parts of it, mainly on the outskirts.

In a dawn advance, ISIL extremists seized the villages of Sjarayah, Albu-Ghanim and Soufiya, which had also been under government control until now, and residents said they had to flee their homes. Fighting was also taking place on the eastern edges of Ramadi, about two kilometres from a government building, they added.

In Soufiya, the militants bombed a police station and took over a power plant. The residents, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared for their safety, said airstrikes were trying to back up Iraqi troops.

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Jamaica's new pot laws begin

MARIJUANA

Possession of small amounts no longer cause for arrest

Drug law amendments that partially decriminalize small amounts of pot and pave the way for a lawful medical marijuana sector went into effect Wednesday in Jamaica, a country where the drug has long been culturally entrenched.

Justice Minister Mark Golding described the reforms as "long overdue" on the Caribbean island, where the drug is revered by members of Jamaica's Rastafarian movement and used regularly by many ordinary Jamaicans. Jamaica's Parliament gave the amendments final approval in February.

The act makes possession of up to two ounces (56 grams)

of marijuana, or ganja, as it's known locally, a petty offence that could result in a roughly \$5 ticket but not in an arrest or a criminal record.

Cultivation of five or fewer plants by any household is allowed.

And Rastafarian adults are now permitted to use marijuana for sacramental purposes for the first time since the homegrown spiritual movement was founded in the 1930s.

In the late reggae icon Bob Marley's old neighbourhood of Trench Town, a dreadlocked Rastafarian adherent known as Nature enjoyed a pipe stuffed full of "wisdom weed," during a Wednesday morning smoking session.

He said Jamaican police, frequently criticized for heavy-handed behaviour when dealing with young men smoking marijuana, will have to learn restraint.

"The Babylon police used to

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Foreigners who are prescribed medical marijuana abroad will be able to pay for permits authorizing them to legally buy up to 56 grams of local weed for medical or therapeutic purposes during their stay.

abuse the Rastaman for smoking the herb. But the times are changing and the agitation has to stop," Nature said in the Trench Town Culture Yard.

A new "cannabis licensing authority" is supposed to regulate the cultivation and distribution of marijuana for legal purposes.

However, it's not clear when a regulated and taxed medical marijuana sector will get off the ground in Jamaica.

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SPRING A LONG WAY TO TIPTOE Fields of blossoming tulips are seen from an airplane as it flies over Keukenhof, a large flower bulb garden and showcase of the Dutch export product, in Lisse, Netherlands, Wednesday. PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Woman has all-female quintuplets

A Houston hospital says a woman has given birth to five girls in what it believes is the first set of all-female quintuplets born in the U.S.

The Woman's Hospital of Texas says it took four minutes for mother Danielle Busby to deliver the babies by caesarean section April 8. The mother had an intrauterine insemination for her pregnancy.

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Man injured after he tries to kill bedbugs

Police say a Long Island man set his rental car ablaze while trying to kill bedbugs inside the vehicle.

Scott Kemery suffered first- and second-degree burns in the incident Tuesday outside a supermarket.

Police say the man poured alcohol over the insects, then sat in the car and lit a cigarette, setting off the blaze.

Detective Sgt. Edward Fitzgerald said that someone told Kemery that if he saturated the bedbugs with alcohol it would kill them.

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'Entopreneurs' hope to satiate the desire for insect dishes

An increasing number of "entopreneurs" are launching businesses to feed a growing appetite for crickets, mealworms and other edible insects.

These upstarts are trying to persuade more Americans to eat bugs, which can be produced with less land, food and water than other sources of protein.

The United Nations has been promoting edible insects as a way to improve nutrition, reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and create jobs in insect production. At least two billion people worldwide already eat insects as part of their diet, according to the 2013 report by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

Inside San Francisco's La Cocina, a commercial kitchen for food entrepreneurs, Monica Martinez empties hundreds of live mealworms, each about two inches long, into a plastic con-

tainer. She uses chopsticks to pull out dead ones before pouring the squirming critters on a tray and sliding them into an oven.

Martinez started Don Bugito PreHispanic Snackeria to entice American consumers with treats inspired by popular snacks in her native Mexico. Among her specialties are spicy superworms and chocolate-covered, salted crickets.

"The idea is to offer another type of protein into the food market," said Martinez, an artist and industrial designer who launched Don Bugito as a street food project in 2011. "The biggest job that we have to do is to try to get more people to try our foods."

In addition to Martinez's operation, bug-based businesses have popped up in Berkeley, Calif. (Bitty Foods) and in Youngstown, Ohio (Big Cricket Farms).

Oakland-based Tiny Farms is trying to address supply crunch by developing more efficient ways to mass-produce crickets and other bugs. It eventually wants to create a large network of insect farms to supply food makers such as Don Bugito and Bitty Foods.



Monica Martinez sorts mealworms prior to baking them on Wednesday in San Francisco. BEN MARGOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The goal is basically to make it easier and cheaper to produce industrial-scale volumes of insects that can be used in food products," said Daniel Imrie-Situnayake, a software engineer-turned-entopreneur. "We're really just scraping the surface in terms of figuring out what the potential is for insects to be part of our food system."

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NBA

Wife of ex-Clippers owner awarded \$2.6M

The wife of former Clippers owner Donald Sterling is owed \$2.6 million by a woman her husband showered with gifts, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Judge Richard Fruin Jr. awarded Shelly Sterling money that was community property from six decades of marriage that was secretly spent buying V. Stiviano a house, a Ferrari and other luxury gifts.

Stiviano's lawyer had argued the gifts were made when Donald and Shelly Sterling were separated and Shelly Sterling couldn't seek them from a third party.

Attorney Mac Nehoray said he and his client were disappointed in the ruling and would appeal.

The ruling, which will become final in 15 days if there are no



Donald Sterling, right, with V. Stiviano. DANNY MOLOSHOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

objections, comes nearly a year after Stiviano's recording of Donald Sterling making racially offensive remarks bounced him from the NBA and cost him team ownership. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"Pity the poor science deniers. They're missing all the fun"

A Russian doctor has found a willing patient for his controversial and experimental head-transplant procedure.

A NASA scientist thinks we're only 25 years away from evidence of alien life, whatever that might be.

And that's only last week's news cycle.

We are living in an unparalleled age of science, and we're lucky to be here. It may have taken 3.3 million years since the first tools were made, according to a new finding out of Kenya, but it feels like science today is moving at warp-speed, and we get to witness all the incredible discoveries.

Nearly 20 million people follow the latest news on Elise Andrew's I F—ing Love Science Facebook page, and she herself is a minor celebrity.

Another famous science evangelist, the astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, has a new late night celebrity talk show, part of his mission "to reach people who didn't know they like science. Or people who knew they did not like science," as he told Metro's Dean Lisk recently.

Amid science's rising popularity, there is rising skepticism. Tyson has butted heads with creationists and climate change nonbelievers on social media, fighting "the rise of anti-science sentiment and the rise of science deniers," a group I feel sorry for, because

of the fun they're missing.

And of course, science isn't perfect. Government controls and corporations can influence the outcomes of studies. Researchers can be bullied for controversial beliefs, and there is still no equality of race or gender.

Science also gets a bad rap for not making up its mind. Competing studies confuse us about whether wine is good for us, or running or chocolate or even weed. But its messiness is part of what Andrew loves.

"In science, every question answered leads to 10 more. I love that science can never ever be finished," she said in a 2013 interview.

I love that researchers working on male baldness recently found that skin cells can communicate with each other — through a study on plucking hairs. Science answers questions we didn't even know to ask.

But maybe the best thing about science is how much awe it offers up — images of luminous galaxies or a new ghostly species of fish from the deep sea, bones from prehistoric time or stem cells that grow into human limbs.

According to a recent study out the University of California, that feeling of awe is good for your health, in case you needed another reason to be grateful for this age of science.

Rights of nonbelievers count, too

POLITICS

Chantal Hébert



Under the guise of a ruling on the place of the prayer at Saguenay's City Hall, the Supreme Court of Canada has put a mirror up to the face of all Canadian legislators.

The onus for maintaining a secular public space is on them and not on the individuals who toil in the public service and/or who interact with their administrations.

Moreover, neither the preservation of a historical religious heritage nor the notion that a given faith is that of the majority should override the principle of a neutral state.

On that basis, the crucifix is more likely to eventually come down from the walls of institutions such as the Quebec national assembly than kippas, turbans and religious veils such as the hijab are to be banned from Canada's federal, provincial or municipal workplaces.

There is also little in the subtext of the ruling to sustain the federal case for a ban on the face-covering niqab from federal citizenship oath ceremonies.

Wednesday's judgment dealt specifically with the practice of Saguenay's municipal council to open its public meetings with a prayer. The court found that it infringed on the fundamental rights of nonbelievers.

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The prayer

"God, eternal and almighty, who has all power and wisdom, we are assembled in your presence to ensure the welfare and prosperity of our city. Grant us, we beseech you, light and energy to our deliberations to promote the honour and glory of your holy name and the spiritual and material happiness of our city. So be it."

The immediate consequence of that finding is to force Mayor Jean Tremblay — a devout Catholic who had cast this battle as nothing less than a religious crusade — to abandon the practice.

The same goes for the dozens of municipal councils across Canada that begin their deliberations with a prayer of some sort.

According to the Court, it is not because the text of a prayer is non-denominational that it is non-discriminatory or that it respects the principle of the neutrality of the state.

The recitation of a prayer remains a fundamentally religious act, a fact about which the court had this to say: "... the state may not, by expressing its own religious preference, promote the participation of believers to the exclusion of nonbelievers or vice-versa. (...) A neutral public space free from coercion,

pressure and judgment on the part of public authorities in matters of spirituality is intended to protect every person's freedom and dignity, and it helps preserve and promote the multicultural nature of Canadian society.

(As an aside, the House of Commons prayer whose text is identical to the latest version used in Saguenay may be protected by parliamentary privilege.)

The recitation of a prayer remains a fundamentally religious act

This is just the latest chapter in an increasingly heated national debate over the balance between religious freedom and the secular character of Canada's public institutions. In its unanimous ruling, the top court drops more than a few hints as to how it sees the way forward. Although it refrains from pronouncing on the place of religious symbols on the walls of public institutions, the judgment suggests that their presence — if challenged — is unlikely to be saved by the argument that they reflect a historical or cultural heritage.

That's the rationale most commonly used to defend the crucifix that hangs on the wall of the national assembly.

But perhaps the part of the judgment that will be read most carefully by justice officials and their political masters is the section that spells out that a neutral public space is not one that obliterates religious diversity.

In paragraph 74 of the judgment, and almost as an aside to its core narrative, Justice Clément Gascon writes: "I note that a neutral public space does not mean the homogenization of private players in that space. Neutrality is required of institutions and the state, not individuals."

He adds for good measure: "... a secular state does not — and cannot — interfere with the beliefs or practices of a religious group unless they conflict with or harm overriding public interests."

That amounts to a red light flashing in the face of any government contemplating — as Quebec recently did — the imposition of a secular dress code on its public sector employees.

It also suggests that the federal government, should it want the court to give its ban on face-covering niqabs at citizenship oath ceremonies a green light, may have to come up with a pretty compelling demonstration of the "overriding public interest" served by such a measure.

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Richard Crouse,
Metro's movie
columnist

"Every woman wants to wear a dress like that."

Vanessa Driveness,
costume designer for
television and film



THE OSCAR STUMBLE
JENNIFER LAWRENCE

"I think modern moviegoers have become more enamoured with what stars wear off-screen rather than on, so I wouldn't be surprised if, say, Jennifer Lawrence's beautiful but stumble-prompting Oscars gown will be better remembered than anything she wore in the Hunger Games films."

Ned Ehrbar, Metro's
Hollywood
correspondent



MALEFICENT ANGELINA JOLIE

"Disney's female villains have great style. Angelina Jolie's Maleficent is no exception. Maleficent's dark and dramatic high-collared gown with its matching cape and horns exudes power, and even instils fear. It's the look of someone who can hold her own, and reflects the way modern women dress. It's less about conforming, and more about empowerment."

Sabrina Maddeaux,
fashion and design writer
at NOW Magazine



**MINERVA
MCGONAGALL
IN HARRY POTTER**
MAGGIE SMITH

MARIE ANTOINETTE
KIRSTEN DUNST

"A Kirsten Dunst dress in Marie Antoinette. Or a Maggie Smith robe in Harry Potter, because she is such an amazing actress. The Harry Potter films and books have a deep resonance with several generations. It is not so much the dress itself but what it will represent when the era and film is seen years from now."

Alexandra Palmer, senior
textiles and costume curator,
Royal Ontario Museum



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COSMETICS

Seoul is the life of the makeup industry



South Korea has a reputation for innovative, high-tech beauty products that are changing the face of the industry. GETTY IMAGES

When the MakeUp in Seoul show hits South Korea this week, the cosmetics world will descend on the Asian hub, which has become a byword for innovation in the beauty sector.

"Korea is the place to be for the makeup industry," says Show Manager Sandra Maguarian, referring to the growing Western obsession with the Asian destination. "It is the new El Dorado. As a cosmetics brand, if you can succeed in Korea you can succeed everywhere."

The main draw is Korea's

reputation for innovative, high-tech beauty products that are changing the face of the industry. The hottest invention to date remains the concept of "cushion foundation," which has sold millions of units, revolutionized the way we apply liquid foundation and just been emulated by French company Lancome in the form of its Miracle Cushion Foundation for the European and North American markets.

Scientific techniques when it comes to makeup application are hot news in Korea

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Women use around
20 or 21 products
per day, minimum,
in their daily routine

Sandra Maguarian, show
manager of MakeUp in Seoul

right now. From natural fibre mascara brushes to lip gloss applicators that diffuse vitamin E with the product or contain anti-bacterial properties, the

technology of makeup application is currently a big topic, Maguarian says.

But the country isn't just making a name for itself in the cosmetics industry. "Korea is a trend," says Maguarian. "It's a trendy name in music, movies and fashion. You can see the trends in the streets — it's the same thing we saw 20 years ago in London, when the fashion directors would travel over to discover the new trends of the future." But that was in the past. She adds: "Now they are going to Korea." AFP

Ultra-thin ban misses the point, model says

CATWALK CONTROVERSY

Size 6 is most common in France, yet brands hire super-skinny

France's waif obsession means its fashion sector snubs many women with bigger body types, but there is no need for a ban on ultra-thin models, said the patron of a plus-size Paris catwalk show.

"It's a cultural blockage," explained Clementine Desseaux, a 26-year-old French model who lives in New York.

The size 10 brunette gets year-round catalogue and campaign modelling work in the U.S., where she emigrated four years ago, compared to rare jobs in France, as American department stores recognize that most women aren't slim, she says.

"In the United States, it's a market apart. You can make a career as a plus-size model. In France, it's not a career — it's a hobby," Desseaux said. "There are no clients."

But, she added, "it's not for lack of demand: There are a lot of round women here. Parisian women are round, too. You mustn't think they are all small and thin!"

The data back her up. According to the French Institute for Textile and Clothing, size 6 is the most-sold size in France, and 40 percent of Frenchwomen wear size 10 or over.

In an effort to rebalance the scales, Desseaux was the star model at the third Pulp Fashion Week this past Saturday and Sunday in Paris that features larger women on the catwalk.

Twenty-four models walked the podium in some 20 labels to show that fashion is not only for the slimmest of customers.

Such initiatives are also held in North America, Britain and Germany, with greater success.

The organizer of the Paris event, Blanche Kazi, said the refusal by major plus-size fashion labels was the main stumbling block.

"They are the ones who could really shake things up with big sponsor budgets and financial partnerships," she said.

She and the models, though, are determined to instill a sense of pride in plus-size women in France, and to push French clothing stores to cater to larger sizes.

"Here, the image of big-size women is horrible. There's a lot of work to be done," Desseaux said.

For all her morphological militancy, Desseaux is against France's mooted legislation to ban ultra-thin models who are under a certain body mass index (BMI). The measure was voted on by lawmakers in the French parliament's lower house, and could well become law if the upper house backs it.

Desseaux, like other professional models, believes that the natural thinness of many top catwalk models is being wrongly mixed up with the medical condition of anorexia.

"For me, it's just as dumb to say you're too thin as it is too say you're too fat — it's the same thing," she said.



DOOR TEST

Desseaux said a friend who used to work at one of France's most recognizable top fashion houses told her about a heavy door it had at its entrance. "If a model arrived and was able to open the door by herself, they didn't hire her — that meant that she was too strong."

Plus-size model Clementine Desseaux says the practice of hiring underfed models, not a model's BMI, is the problem. AFP

"The problem is not a model's BMI," she said, adding that

a more concrete issue was the insistence of certain fashion labels to hire only underfed models.

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SUNGLASSES

Shades of retro chic ... and the future

The first rays of sunshine have burst through, so the time has come to find the perfect pair of sunglasses to look like a star while still protected from UV rays.

Certain trends last and for good reason — retro being the perfect example since, once again this year, there are plenty of vintage-style models to choose from. Thankfully though, not every brand agrees on this point, giving the holdouts a chance to present their more future-looking wares.

Aviator-style frames

No surprise with this one: Aviators will once again be in style this year. This retro look gets revisited every year, and though brands only barely tweak the ultra iconic shape, they do play with the details (temples, rhinestones, lenses, patterns, materials). Mixing retro with futuristic is a sure way to impress.

Though Ray-Ban is the brand most obviously linked to aviator-style sunglasses, many others continue to release various versions of this legendary look every year. Tom Ford has aviator styles including Cyrille (\$535), Charles Round (\$320) and Marko (\$380).

Back to the '60s

Sunglasses will travel back in time this summer to the 1960s. A round shape will be prevalent in models with different colours, decorated with prints or in a more subdued look.

This trend also marks the return of tortoise-shell-style temples that were so popular in the '60s.

For this season, Faguo has collaborated with eyewear brand Lesca to produce a unisex model in acetate named Gabin, which highlights a spotted pattern. It's a limited series, with only 30 being produced, and priced just under \$200. Jérémy Tarian is also offering a retro chic limited edition for around \$300, the round Madeleine model, available in red to add some pep to your look.

Futuristic looks

Certain brands have chosen to stand out and present futuristic designs as an alternative to the retro trend. That's notably the case with Dior and the \$400 Dior Technologic model, seen in their summer 2015 show, with its pantos shape, metal open-worked frame (available in silver and gold), ultra-flat tone-on-tone lenses and matte black acetate temples. AFP



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FICTION

Writer goes down the 'Nessie rabbit hole'

Renowned Canadian author Sara Gruen says it was the Loch Ness monster that led her to her latest story, *At the Water's Edge*.

In the new book, the Vancouver native — whose hit novel *Water for Elephants* became a 2011 film starring Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson — writes of a privileged American trio on the hunt for the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland during the Second World War.

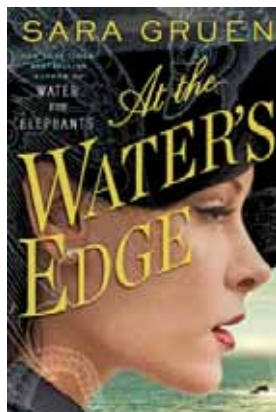
Gruen says she first became interested in Nessie when she visited the Scottish Highlands at age 12.

"Of course at 12, I was sure I was going to see the monster, so I waited and waited and waited — and didn't," she says.

Then about four years ago, she was "procrastinating" on putting pen to paper ("I'm very, very good at writing-avoidance," she says with a laugh) and found an online article about government secrecy surrounding the lake creature of Scottish folklore. "There was an exhibit in, I think, Edinburgh of declassified documents," she says.

"And one of them was a letter from Scotland Yard that indicated that nobody had any doubt whatsoever that the monster existed, and they were trying to figure out how to protect it from big-game hunters."

That sucked her into a long Nessie surf session online (her "Nessie rabbit hole"), followed



his dad, who has always judged his son for not being able to enlist in the army due to being colour blind.

Gruen says she did research for the book in Scotland one winter and one summer, for a total of five weeks.

"I do try to immerse myself completely, so after I was crawling around (Second World War) ruins and castles and so on, I would set up shop in the corner of a pub and pretend I was Skyping and doing work," she says.

"I would just listen to the lingo and the accent and try to absorb phrasing and sayings and things."

She says she wrote half of the book before realizing that Maddie was the heart of it. That meant having to go back and rewrite it in Maddie's voice and then tweak the other characters' reactions to her.

Gruen, who grew up in London, Ont., also faced another obstacle during the writing process.

"One of my sons had some serious health issues in between, so it was broken up," she says. "He's fine now, but it was very, very scary."

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by a trip to Scotland to start research for a new story after 2010's *Ape House*.

At the *Water's Edge* centres on young Philadelphia socialite Madeline (Maddie) Hyde, her husband Ellis and their friend Hank.

They take a dangerous ship trek to Scotland after a posh New Year's Eve bash.

Years prior, Ellis's Army Colonel dad tried to prove Nessie existed, but the adventure resulted in public embarrassment for him.

Ellis hopes his journey will earn him more respect from



I would set up shop in the corner of a pub and pretend I was Skyping and doing work.

Canadian novelist Sara Gruen, on eavesdropping in Scotland



Amber Tamblyn says *Dark Sparkler* is partially about "what it's like to be an object for a living."

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The fast lives of female celebs

BOOKS

Actress Amber Tamblyn's poetry explores six short lives

Actress Amber Tamblyn writes about dead Hollywood actresses in her new book of poems. But *Dark Sparkler* is more than that.

"The book is about the lives and deaths of celebrity women in a certain way, but it's also about voyeurism, it's also about projection, it's also (about) ... what it's like to be an object for a living," Tamblyn, 31, said in a recent interview.

Each poem is about a celebrity who died before the age of 40, including Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield and Rebecca Shaeffer.

It took Tamblyn six years to write, with a year off when it became too much for her.

She said it began with a poem she wrote for actress Brittany Murphy, who died in 2009 from a combination of pneumonia, anemia and multiple drug intoxication.

Tamblyn focused on women because "I understood the lives of these women more personally and in a deeper way."

Dark Sparkler is the third book of poetry by Tamblyn, who starred in *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* films with Blake Lively, Alexis Bledel and America Ferrera and on TV in *House* and *Joan of Arcadia*. She talked about the book, published by Harper Per-

ennial, her *Sisterhood* friends and actress Lindsay Lohan.

What impact did writing this book have on you?
Studying your dead peers will get to you. Plain and simple.

Reading autopsy report after autopsy report and listening to interviews.... It's hard not to get obsessed and absorbed into that into the point where you start to lose your mind a little bit.

Why did you focus on this dark topic?

If anything, I wanted other young women to see how much (of) our interior pains are the same and at the end of the day what you feel is what I feel and it's very similar, but often times actors don't really get to express that in a true manner because of the way in which we are promoted or the way we promote ourselves.

Do you think your next poetry will be lighter?

I actually have started working on my next book which will be a collection of love poems, so it will be the opposite. Warm and cozy.

Was the bond immediate among your *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* co-stars?

Pretty immediate and in the way that best friends have gone sort of in and out of each other's lives and sometimes we're really closer with one more than the other and sometimes

EMPTINESS

On why she has a blank page with Lindsay Lohan



"I think that she is sort of categorically one of the largest pop objects we have that we talk (about) and we project our own fears onto and project our own beliefs and judgments onto her and her life. It was my way of putting a blank page both for the media and people who have treated her in that way, but also it's a page ... where I get to say, 'You know, I'm not gonna write this poem for you. I'm not gonna put you in the category where everyone else puts you among these women.'"

you don't see someone for like a year and you get back together and it's like immediate and you catch up on all this stuff. It's like we were all raised together, practically. Our friendships feel that way.

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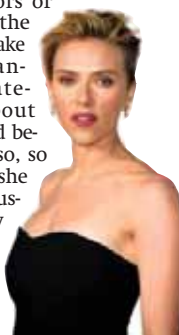
BABY BABBLE

ScarJo mum on how to be a mom

New mom Scarlett Johansson is not here to give you parenting advice, and she doesn't think any other famous moms should, either.

"I'm such a newbie at this. I always really hate it when actors or people in the spotlight make giant grandiose statements about parenthood because it's so, so personal," she tells the Australian Daily Telegraph.

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STRIPPED DOWN

Leaking nude pics just his style

Be careful what secrets you tell your friends. That's the lesson One Direction member Harry Styles is learning after pal Ed Sheeran gave a candid interview in which he revealed that Styles leaked his own nude photo back in 2012, despite the fact that Styles denied it at the time. "Did you know that Harry leaked that picture himself? He leaked his own picture. I think that's amazing," Sheeran tells ZM Online.

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CELEB CASH GRAB?

Mendes met with criticism over contest

A Shawn Mendes marketing campaign encouraging young fans to buy every single copy of the teen-pop heartthrob's new album from local stores is eliciting outrage from child advocacy groups.

The 16-year-old Toronto native trumpeted the release of *Handwritten* with a #HandwrittenBuyouts Twitter contest, urging his fans to purchase every last Mendes CD from store shelves.

On Tuesday he tweeted to his nearly three million followers: "Go to stores today & buy all the album copies! U can find a #GoldenShaw-



nAccessPass & meet me! #HandwrittenBuyouts. One devotee tweeted a photo of herself clutching a colourful wad of Canadian bills with the message: "I guess all my baby-sitting payed (sic) off! :)"

Multiple child advocacy organizations raised questions about the strategy on Wednesday.

"I think that's really concerning, considering his appeal to younger fans," said Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood associate director Josh Golin, who called the campaign "unethical."

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LEGAL RIGHTS

Cornell wades into Dog ownership fight

Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell says the co-founder of a famed Seattle recording studio has no claim to own the master tapes of *Temple of the Dog*, which Cornell recorded with Eddie Vedder and other members of Pearl Jam in 1990.

A&M records sued Raj Parashar, who founded London Bridge Studios with his brother, in March, demanding that Parashar turn over the master tapes. The label says it bought the album in 1991.



Chris Cornell GETTY IMAGES

A&M didn't say in its complaint why it wants the master recordings, but such tapes can be used in re-issuing albums. Next year marks the album's 25th anniversary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sarah Polley has confirmed reports she is writing a script for an adaptation of *Little Women* and that she is producing an *Alias Grace* miniseries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Polley penning new film script

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Little Women latest project for director

Actress-director Sarah Polley has confirmed reports that she's working on a new big-screen adaptation of *Little Women*.

"I'm writing *Little Women* and I'm writing my own film as well," Polley said.

"And then I'm producing *Alias Grace* as a miniseries, which I've been writing for a long time, and it's now written in six, one-hours and hopefully will go into production either this year or next year," she added, referring to

“Writing is something you can do while a baby naps”
Sarah Polley

an adaptation of Margaret Atwood's novel.

Polley, who got a 2008 Oscar nomination for best adapted screenplay for *Away From Her*, said she's "always writing."

"Writing is something you can do while a baby naps, so it's perfect," added the mother of two. "But the idea of going back out into the world and making my own stuff,

it's not immediate. My youngest is still seven months, so I'm not jumping back on a film set right away. But it's something that I'm excited to do."

On Tuesday, Polley helped announce the winner of this year's \$100,000 Glenn Gould Prize.

She and an esteemed international jury panel picked American composer Philip Glass as the 2015 recipient of the biennial prize, which honours living laureates from a variety of creative disciplines for their body of work.

Polley called the three-time Oscar nominee's work "visionary."

"I think he pushed something that was very avant-garde and on the fringes into the mainstream," she said. "I think he, as a result, opened people's minds musically."

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\$539,000

Halifax

This suite at 1550 Dresden Row is said to reside in one of the nicer downtown buildings. The Martello is near Citadel Hill and features 1,000-sq. ft. The one-bedroom plus den condo has an open concept kitchen-dining-living room with views of Halifax Harbour, with an asking price of \$539,000. The listing agent is George Edwards with Royal LePage Atlantic, 902-221-2900.



\$364,000

Toronto

Located at the Minto Quantum building in the midtown neighbourhood of Yonge and Eglinton, this one-bedroom suite can be yours for the asking price of \$364,900. The unit has bamboo floors throughout, upgraded granite counters and an ensuite locker. The building offers a full range of amenities. Listing agent is Alex J. Wilson at Re/Max Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.



\$359,000

Ottawa

This bright one-bedroom plus den at 100 Champagne Ave. S., is listed for \$359,900. It's a great location for shopping, public transportation and nightlife in the trendy Little Italy neighbourhood. The suite includes parking, a storage locker and a gas hookup for a balcony barbecue. Listing agent is Nick Brunet at Re/Max Affiliates Realty, 613-216-1755.



\$179,000

Winnipeg

Here's a contemporary three-storey midrise within walking distance of the University of Manitoba at 1525 Chancellor Dr. The asking price is \$179,900. The renovated suite boasts a designer kitchen with stainless-steel appliances, a four-piece bathroom, wood fireplace and a large balcony. Listing agent is Chris Kenny with Re/Max Professionals, 204-899-4858.



\$488,000

Vancouver

Here's a refreshing departure from a high-rise tower. The Rhapsody is a mid-rise community building on 910 8th Ave. in the Fairview Slopes neighborhood of Vancouver. A panoramic view of the city, mountains and water is on offer from this top floor, private, 797-sq. ft. rooftop apartment with an asking price of \$488,000. The building has 40 units on three levels and was built in 1986. The suite was owned by a young couple who have a baby and are moving to a larger space, says listing agent Pam Allen with Re/Max Real Estate Services, 604-790-8464.



\$314,000

Calgary

The condos in Westgate Park were constructed on the previous site of the Westgate Hotel in the community of Spruce Cliff. This suite in the Brava Tower at 55 Spruce Place SW, sports a large balcony and views of the city and the Shaganappi Golf Course. Amenities include a recreation facility with large indoor swimming pool, a hot tub and 24-hour concierge. The asking price is \$314,900. This unit is a fine example of a Calgary high-rise, just 15 minutes from downtown, says listing agent Ernest Gardy, with Re/Max House of Real Estate, 403-651-3093.



\$214,900

Edmonton

Here's a one-bedroom condo in a building that's a five-minute walk from the University of Alberta. The Strathcona House residence sits atop the river valley on 10883 Saskatchewan Dr., in the Garneau district of Edmonton. The common areas have been recently renovated along with the interior of the suite. Listed for \$214,900, the unit is located on the 15th floor with 713 sq. ft. of living space and a large balcony. Listing agent Nathan Mol is with Liv Real Estate, 780-722-0086.

Moose done in by 'that one shot'

QMJHL PLAYOFFS

Wildcats edge Herd in OT to tie up series



Kristen Lipscombe
Metro | Halifax

It could have gone either way.

But it was Moncton Wildcats forward Taylor Burke to score in overtime Wednesday night, giving the visiting team a 3-2 win over the Halifax Mooseheads in front of 7,846 disappointed fans at the Scotiabank Centre.

In the beginning of Game 4, the Mooseheads were sluggish, partially the result of missing defenceman Sam Hunter, along with forwards Maxime Fortier and Philippe Gadoury, all to upper-body injuries.

The victory ties up the quarter-final series at two games apiece between the Maritime rivals.

"We kept up with them, even though our lineup is depleted right now," Halifax defenceman Austyn Hardie said.

"It hurts missing them, but we know it's playoff hockey, and we know we've just got to work a little harder."

Similar to Tuesday night, when the Mooseheads suffered a 4-3 loss, the Moncton power play cost the Herd early in the game. Defenceman Dominic Talbot-Tassi opened the scoring for the Wildcats at 12:45 in the first.

Jacob Sweeney added an unassisted marker with just 10.2

+ SERIES SKED

Game 5: Friday, 7 p.m.,
Aitken University Centre in
Fredericton
Game 6: Sunday, 4 p.m.,
Scotiabank Centre
Game 7*: April 21, 7 p.m.,
at Moncton
*If necessary

seconds left in the period, firing it past Halifax goaltender Eric Brassard, who made a couple of initial saves on a strong Moncton offence.

Although it seemed the second was going to be another slow period for the Moose, the strong combination of top liners Nikolaj Ehlers and Timo Meier paid off with a goal at 17:10 in the period.

Meier powered up the ice, stickhandling past Wildcats defenceman Adam Holwell and letting off a shot just inside the post to narrow it up at 2-1. It was Meier's eighth goal of the playoffs.

"I just tried to get the puck on net and it went in," Meier said. "It was a tight game. We showed a lot of character and came back."

Halifax native Kelly Bent scored his first of the post-season less than 20 seconds later, putting it past Moncton netminder Adam Dubeau at 17:28 to tie it up at two apiece.

A scoreless third featured solid chances on both sides, and a couple of hurt Halifax players. Forward Samuel LeBlanc, who just returned to play after



Halifax Mooseheads goalie Eric Brassard readies for a shot from Moncton Wildcats forward Conor Garland during Game 4 of their QMJHL playoff series on Wednesday night at the Scotiabank Centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

recovering from an upper-body injury, was escorted off the ice by the team trainer early in the period. Hardie took a puck in the ankle in the final second

of regulation.

The Mooseheads had picked up the pace by the extra frame, and almost won when Danny Moynihan put the puck behind

Dubeau, with a Wildcats player banging it out just before it rolled over the goal-line.

"We worked hard," Hardie said. "It's just one of those things

that it's overtime in the playoffs, and that one shot can do it."

Game 5 goes Friday night at Aitken University Centre in Fredericton.



Windsor Express forward Chris Commons, centre, is fouled by Rainmen forwards Nigel Spikes, left, and Jermaine Dailey in Game 1 of the NBL Canada championship series on Tuesday night in Windsor. NICK BRANCACCIO/THE WINDSOR STAR

NBL CANADA PLAYOFFS

Fouls costly in Rainmen loss in Windsor

The Halifax Rainmen suffered a laundry list of fouls and a player being taken off on a stretcher Wednesday night, but they're not explaining away their 113-104 loss in Windsor with excuses.

It was the opening game of the NBL Canada championship series, with the defending Express hosting at the WFCU Centre.

"We left very optimistic," Rainmen owner and president Andre Levingston said.

"But it's hard putting the score on us," he said. "They made 40-something free throws."

In fact, officials called 48 fouls

against Halifax, compared to 32 for Windsor. The Express shot 43-for-55 from the free-throw line.

"I'm not going to blame it on the referees," Levingston said. "We've got to do a better job."

Despite a two-week break since the Rainmen last took to the court to win their Atlantic Division title, Levingston said, "it was a back-and-forth game."

Halifax trailed 58-51 at half-time, but had come back to make it 80-77 to close out the third quarter. A couple of three-pointers from guard Clifford Clinkscales gave the Rainmen a brief

90-87 lead in the fourth.

Not long after that, Halifax centre Liam McMorow fell hard to the floor. He was in hospital for an MRI late Wednesday with "some tingling in his arm," Levingston said.

Shooting guard PJ Foster led the Rainmen with 15 points.

"We shook off a bit of rust," Levingston said of Game 1.

Game 2 is Friday night, again in Windsor.

"We're going to ... have to do what we do best," he said, but "we can beat this team."

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Game 2: Friday, 8 p.m. AT, WFCU Centre, Windsor
Game 3: April 23, 7 p.m. AT, Scotiabank Centre
Game 4: April 24, 7 p.m. AT, Scotiabank Centre
Game 5*: April 26, 2 p.m. AT, Scotiabank Centre
Game 6*: WFCU Centre, Windsor
Game 7*: WFCU Centre, Windsor
* If necessary

COURT

Hernandez found guilty, sentenced to life

Former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for a deadly late-night shooting, sealing the downfall of an athlete who once had a \$40-million contract and a stand-out career ahead of him.

Hernandez, 25, who had been considered one of the top tight ends in professional football, shook his head, pursed his lips and sat down after the jury fore-

woman pronounced him guilty in the slaying of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old landscaper and amateur weekend football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. Hernandez's mother, Terri, and his fiancée, Shayanna Jenkins, cried and gasped when they heard the verdict. Hernandez, his eyes red, mouthed to them: "Be strong."

The former football pro was also found guilty on both weapons charges he faced.

"The jury found that he was just a man who committed a brutal murder," District Attorney Thomas Quinn said after the verdict. "The fact that he was a professional athlete meant nothing."

Lloyd was shot six times early on June 17, 2013, in a deserted industrial park near Hernandez's home in North Attleborough. The motive has never been explained.

Police zeroed in on the former Pro Bowl athlete because they found in Lloyd's pocket the key to

a car the NFL player had rented. Within hours of Hernandez's arrest, the Patriots cut him from the team. The team declined to comment on the verdict.

Prosecutors presented a wealth of evidence that Hernandez was with Lloyd at the time he was killed, including home security video from Hernandez's mansion, witness testimony and cellphone records that tracked Lloyd's movements.

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Montreal Canadiens goalie Carey Price watches the puck as Senators' Erik Condra and Canadiens' Tom Gilbert battle during the NHL playoff in Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Habs draw first blood

NHL PLAYOFFS

Subban loses cool as Flynn's winner settles exciting contest

Brian Flynn's goal was the winner at the end of a wild second period that saw five goals scored and star defenceman P.K. Subban ejected for slashing as the Montreal Canadiens downed the Ottawa Senators 4-3 in the opening game of their NHL playoff series on Wednesday night.

Montreal takes a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference series into Game 2 on Friday night.

The emotion-filled match featured the first goals as Canadiens by late-season pick-ups Flynn and Torrey Mitchell while Tomas Plekanec and Lars Eller also scored for Montreal.

Milan Michalek, Kyle Turris and Mika Zibanejad scored for Ottawa. The Bell Centre crowd was a roar until Michalek got credit for the opening goal at

12:25, which was put into the net by Montreal defenceman Andrei Markov. A rebound off the end boards got by two players and Markov tried to tuck it into Carey Price's pads when it went in.

The game broke open when the Canadiens scored twice in a 15 second span of the second frame, the fastest two playoff goals by Montreal since May 8, 1998, with Mitchell and Plekanec scoring. But only six seconds later, Eller went off for slashing. Seven seconds after that, Subban took a chop at Mark Stone's hands and the Senators scoring leader went down in apparent pain and rushed off for treatment. Subban was slapped with a five-minute major and game misconduct.

"I think it's quite simple - it's a vicious slash on an unprotected part of the body," Senators coach Dave Cameron said. "You either do one of two things. I think it's an easy solution - you either suspend him, or when one of their best players gets slashed just give us five."

IN BRIEF

Islanders make easy work of weak Washington

Brock Nelson, Josh Bailey, Ryan Strome and the New York Islanders showed that experience is not required for playoff success. Each of those three young forwards scored in the post-season for the first time, with Nelson get-

ting a pair of goals. Goalie Jaroslav Halak got plenty of help in keeping Alex Ovechkin off the scoring sheet, and the Islanders beat the Washington Capitals 4-1 in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference first-round series Wednesday night.

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with vegetable oil.

2. Squeeze out all moisture from grated potatoes. Add to bowl along with onion, flour, salt and pepper. Make 6 large potato pancakes on baking pan. Spray with vegetable oil and bake for 20 minutes, turning over after 15 minutes.

3. In two large skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, crack 6 whole

eggs and cook sunny side up, just until whites are cooked and yolk is still slightly loose.

4. Divide yogurt over potato cake, then add smoked salmon and carefully place one egg over each pancake.

Ingredients

Serves 6

- 4 cups peeled grated baking potato (approximately 2 – 12 oz potatoes)
- 6 eggs, divided
- ¼ cup grated onion
- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- Salt and pepper
- 2 Tbsp plain Greek yogurt
- 2 oz diced smoked salmon

Nutritional information per serving (1 pancake)

- Calories 158
- Carbohydrates 14.4 g
- Fibre 1.2 g
- Protein 9 g
- Fat 5 g
- Saturated fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 200 mg
- Sodium 232 mg

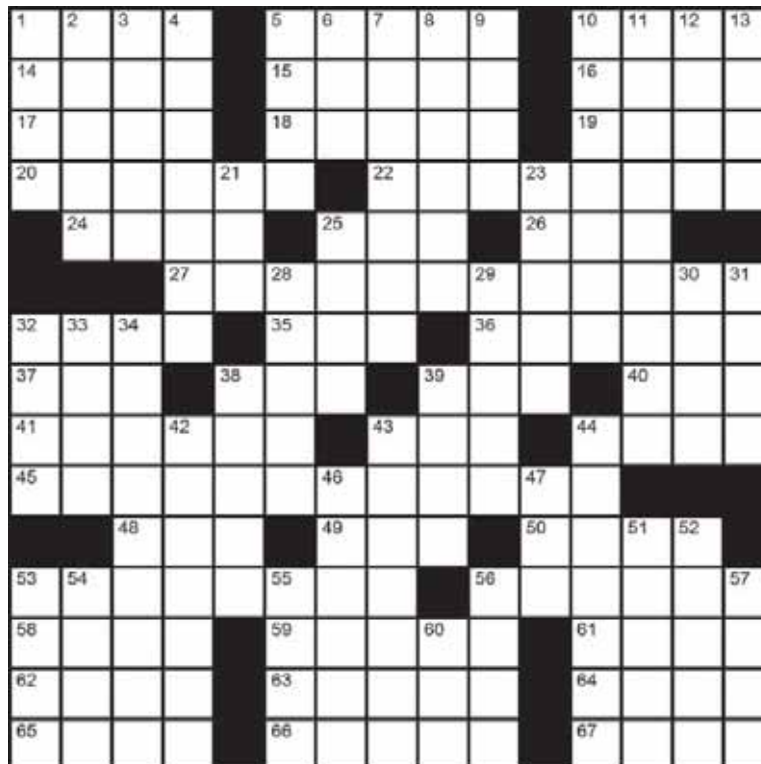
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Stitches-need-ing reason
5. Chump
10. Plane travel needs [abbr.]
14. Choir voice
15. Leading
16. Canadiens, to NHL fans
17. Vending machine opening
18. Laissez-__
19. Genetic messengers, commonly
20. __ of smoke
22. Formidable frozen formations
24. No, in Munich
25. Tea, in Ta-doussac
26. Religious robe
27. Newfoundland's insect-eating provincial flower: 2 wds.
32. Answers/fixers of problems, for short
35. Blood-typing letters
36. Magic __ (Mr. Clean product)
37. __ pro nobis (Pray for us, in Latin)
38. Suffix with "Second"
39. Ms. Babilonia of figure skating
40. Payer's pledge
41. Sleeveless cardigan/jacket alternative
43. Rumer's 2015 DWTS pro partner
44. Ms. Heche
45. Endeavour __ Vents (Marine Protected Area offshore from Vancouver Island)
48. Composer's li'l output



49. Excavated material
50. Home theatre purchases
53. "Where the Sun Don't Shine" Ottawa-born singer, __ Maria
56. Quibbles
58. La __ (Weather-affecting phenomenon in the equa-

- torial Pacific)
59. Wild dog of Australia
61. Old World buffalo
62. Performed perfectly
63. Finished
64. High-pitched barks
65. Put forward

- an idea
66. Playing marble material, perhaps
67. Ladies

DOWN

1. "Egad!" sound interpretation
2. "___ the Family": 2 wds.
3. Shoulder scarf

4. "M*A*S*H" character, '___' Houlihan
5. Pretoria, __
6. Steeped beverage
7. Disney animated movie work song
8. Actress Ms. Matlin
9. Ancient concert sites
10. 1975 Ali/Frazier

- bout nickname, __ in Manila
11. Body of water between Nunavut's Ellesmere Island and Greenland: 2 wds.
12. Alpiner's ascending aid
13. Leaky balloon sounds
21. Tropical cuckoo
23. Calf-length pant
25. Frozen dessert chain [acronym]
28. Psychic fair card
29. Domain
30. City sign's light 31. "___ Blue" by Madonna
32. Student status, shortly
33. '___ Plata' (Montana's state motto)
34. Cause that Princess Diana was involved in towards the end of her life
38. "___ of golden daffodils..." - Wordsworth
39. Weight allowance
42. Movement/campaign
43. Porch
44. "Archie, Marry Me" band from Toronto
46. Perfecting
47. Oklahoma city
51. Singer Ms. Washington
52. Slippery __
53. Start to 'sack' (Backpack)
54. Puerto's partner
55. Concept
56. Encrypt
57. Back talk
60. Understand

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

The approaching new moon puts you in the mood to have fun, so make sure you get whatever work you have to do out of the way before the weekend.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

The most important thing now is that you make a serious effort to look on the bright side, no matter what may occur. Sometimes you have a tendency to fear the worst but today, tomorrow and over the weekend it's going to be all good.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

You will find it easier to work with other people today, and they will find it easier to work with you. If there is anything you have fallen out over recently then now is the time to discuss your differences.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

Some things are personal and some things are business. Do you know how to tell them apart? Try not to get upset about things that are not aimed at you directly.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

If you have been a bit under the weather of late don't worry about it. In a matter of days you will be back to your best and looking and feeling like a million dollars.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Yes, you have been living beyond your means. Yes, you have been wasting your resources on things you don't really need. But the fact that you can admit that to yourself means there is hope. Be more responsible as from today.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will make new friends over the

next few days but you will make an enemy or two as well. Don't let that worry you though as, on balance, you will come out way ahead.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Get a grip on your working routine and make sure you are not doing things for other people that they should be doing for themselves. The approaching new moon will help you get rid of the hangers-on – of which there are plenty!

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You need to be adventurous and you need to be courageous but most of all you need to truly believe that you have what it takes to be the biggest and the best. Think you can do all that? Then you can do anything. So do it!

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Family matters will be even more important than usual over the next few days and you will have to make allowances for loved ones and relatives who get emotional for no good reason. Unlike you they are lacking in self-control.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

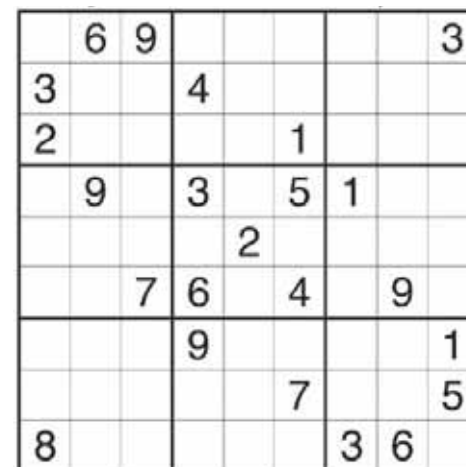
Try not to see each and every situation you face as a battle to be won or lost. People are not the enemy, not even those people whose views and opinions you despise. Try talking to them instead of shouting at them today.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Watch what you spend today or tomorrow or you may have nothing left come the weekend, and that would be a shame as the planets suggest there will be a last-minute invitation to a party or a social event you won't want to miss.

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